

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The dedication, innovation, and entrepreneurial spirit of the small business men and women in the state of South Dakota help our state's economy grow stronger; and,

*Whereas*, Small businesses are the heart of achieving the goals of South Dakota's 2010 Initiative, a series of goals for economic growth and visitor spending in our state; and,

*Whereas*, In 1909, a man by the name of Horton, opened a greenhouse south of Huron, South Dakota, and later began to sell fresh flowers from that greenhouse until such time as Clarence Walker purchased the business; and,

*Whereas*, Mr. Walker renamed the business "Walker the Florist" and moved the flower shop to Huron where it enjoyed numerous locations around the downtown area before settling in its current location at 346 Dakota Avenue; and,

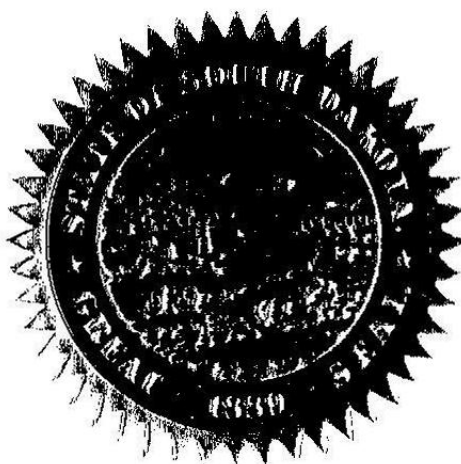
*Whereas*, Walker Flower Shop, as it is now named, has also had a number of owners over its 100-year history, many who have held officer and board positions in the South Dakota Florist Association, as well as the FTD organization, and many of the owners have been certified florists or master designers; and,

*Whereas*, Jason and Ann Edelman have owned the Walker Flower Shop since 1994, and plan to celebrate the business's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an open house the weekend of September 17-19, 2009:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 17-19, 2009, as

### *WALKER FLOWER SHOP DAYS*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State